

**MINISTER FOR WOMEN,
MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND
MEDICAL RESEARCH, MINISTER ASSISTING
THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (CANCER),
AND MINISTER ASSISTING
THE MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE,
ENVIRONMENT AND WATER (ENVIRONMENT)**

The Minister is assisted in her activities by the following entities.

The Office for Women, Department of Premier and Cabinet (Section 2), is responsible for providing support in the Minister's capacity as Minister for Women. It is the key advisor to the State Government on women's policies and develops programs, policies and projects. It also contributes to discussions on important social and economic issues relevant to women.

The Office of Science and Medical Research, Department of State and Regional Development (Section 19), provides support to the Minister in her capacity as Minister for Science and Medical Research. The Office aims to drive growth and innovation in science and medical research to achieve better health, environmental and economic outcomes for the people of New South Wales. Key programs include:

- ◆ the grant and funding programs which are part of the BioFirst Strategy and the Spinal Cord Injuries and Conditions Fund; and
- ◆ new areas such as the development of a Medical Research Plan and an Approach to Innovation and Science in New South Wales.

The Minister is responsible for the *Cancer Institute NSW Act 2003* and the operations of the Cancer Institute of NSW (Section 12). The Cancer Institute, based at the Advanced Technology Park site, is Australia's first State-wide, government supported cancer control agency. Its work is saving lives through promoting cancer research, prevention, early-detection, treatment and education initiatives.

As Minister assisting the Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water (Environment) (Section 6), the Minister has the lead role in the following areas of environmental regulation: marine parks; biodiversity, including bio-banking; pollution, including contaminated lands and waste; and Aboriginal cultural heritage. These areas are supported by the Department for Environment and Climate Change.